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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of Defense,
27 November 1978

3. The Secretary asked what we knew of what was going on in China. I described our collection resources and how basically meager they are. He had no specific suggestions as to what we could do better or other ways to collect information. I told him that I had a lot of hope that the increased flow of western travelers to China and the increased flow of Chinese students to the west would begin to open up China to us. I was concerned that we be very astute [redacted] a substantial increase in information flow. It occurred to me that it may be desirable to have the PRC(I), when it next looks at priorities, pay particular attention to what we most want to get out of these new opportunities vis-a-vis China. I'd appreciate it if NFAC would look at that in connection with the December review of overall priorities.

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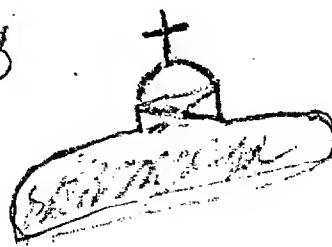
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